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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 7 May 2010, time for response to which was set to expire 7 August 2010. The considered claims, claims 9-18 and 20, were rejected, although claim 19 was considered allowable if made independent. Claims 1-7 are withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants greatly appreciate the willingness of Examiner Kim to discuss this case with their undersigned representative in a personal interview on 15 July 2010. It appears that some headway was made at the interview with regard to the broader claims.

No amendment is proposed to the claims at this time; a copy of the claims is included for the convenience of the Examiner. The claim identifiers have been revised to indicate that claims 1-7 were withdrawn and the possibility of their rejoinder in the event that claim 9 is allowed was discussed at the interview.

Reconsideration in light of the discussion at the interview and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Enclosure: Exhibit A: Photographs of Coated Lumber